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Friday

October 26, 2007

Forecast

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Arts
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The Volumen

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Cross Country
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On Campus
Today

- “Art 4 Lit” Cutbank Literary Magazine Fundraiser
Laurie Lane Studio
141 S. 3rd St. W.
free will donation
- Contemporary Chamber Players, Music Recital Hall
7:30 p.m. free
- “Elvis 007”
Musical tribute to the king of rock-and-roll, University Theatre, 8 p.m.
\$15; \$12 students
– *UM Events Calendar*

Around the
World

Myanmar:
Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi – under house arrest for 12 of the last 18 years – met for a little more than an hour Thursday with a Myanmar government official in a meeting broadcast on state television.

Portugal:
Russia’s President Vladimir Putin on Thursday warned strongly against new international sanctions on Iran, saying they would lead to a dead end.

Turkey:
Turkish warplanes and helicopter gunships reportedly pounded Kurdish rebel positions along the Turkey-Iraq border Wednesday, broadening military operations against insurgents.
– *Associated Press*

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Home sweet home



Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin

Japanese exchange students Kozue Tokunaga and Azusa Tsuchimochi use pins to point out their hometowns on a world map at a reception Thursday night at the Davidson Honors College. The Mix and Mingle event was created to help international students meet each other and American students.

International students ‘Mix and Mingle’

Trevon Milliard
Montana Kaimin

Buzzing voices and laughter could be heard streaming down the halls of Davidson Honors College last evening.
Dozens of international students from Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan, Chad, Taiwan and other countries, transcended language barriers and cultural differences to chat it up at

The University of Montana’s first Mix and Mingle.
The informal gathering, sponsored by the Honors College and UM’s English Language Institute, was created to give international students a chance to meet, said UM Associate Provost for International Programs Mehrdad Kia, who is from Iran.
International students, insecure about their heavy accents and English-speaking skills, sometimes

resist interacting with Americans and even other foreign students, Kia said.
Jim McKusick, dean of Davidson Honors College, encouraged students at the Mix and Mingle to put their fears aside.
“We want every student to make a friend from another country,” McKusick said. “Just walk boldly up to someone you don’t know. That’s your assignment today.”
International students take an

English-language class together, but don’t necessarily know each other, Kia said.
“The students mix a lot,” Kia said, “but don’t necessarily mingle.”
Alex Alajmi, 22, of Saudi Arabia, was at the Mix and Mingle and enjoyed it, he said.
“It’s good,” he said. “We study in this building together, but we don’t talk.”
See MINGLE, page 12

Dining Services sees serious decline in student employees

Ashly Zuelke
Montana Kaimin

Dining Services, the largest student employer on campus and in Missoula County, is missing one third of its student workforce this semester.
“This has been the hardest year since I’ve been here to hire students,” said Dining Services Director Mark LoParco, a University of Montana employee since 1992.
Each year, Dining Services hires between 400 to 450 students, LoParco said.
This semester, “we’re not at full capacity in very many, if any, of our operations,” he said.
Gail Ormesher, the manager of residential dining operations, said Dining Services usually struggles for the first two to three weeks of a semester to find enough student employees. This semester, they’re still struggling.
“We’re probably down 30 percent from what we usually are at,” Ormesher said.

The drop in on-campus student employees isn’t just a Dining Services phenomenon.
Residence Life Director Ron Brunell said he’s seen a downturn in student applicants over the past few years.
He said 20 years ago, there were about 20 times the number of resident assistant applicants than there are now. About 130 to 150 students applied this year.
Brunell said he’s also heard that more students don’t want the responsibilities RAs have. They must be in their dorms four nights per week and one night on weekends, and they only have three weekends completely off per semester.
“They don’t want these type of restrictions,” Brunell said.
Brunell said financing an education has shifted gears from students paying for their education with work-study awards to now financing college with student loans.
“There used to be something that you had to do to earn that

money. Now, it’s the stroke of a pen in some cases,” he said.
Mick Hanson, director of the Financial Aid office, said more students are declining their work-study offers in favor of seeking a higher-paying job off campus.
“For some students, (accepting work-study) will mean they get less student loan money,” Hanson said.
Other students could cancel their work-study offer and receive the same amount in student loans.
“Anytime a student declines work-study ... they’re borrowing against their future,” Hanson said. “There’s a tough balance between the two.”
Hanson said he encourages students to work around 10 hours per week and 19 hours maximum. Working at that rate for four years could save a student \$12,000 on student loans, he said.
Wage issues are especially significant in Missoula’s labor market.
“The job market in Missoula for entry level, service-type positions

is at a premium,” Hanson said.
LoParco said, “We’re competing in Missoula, which has seen significant growth in the food service arena. My understanding is that unemployment in Missoula is at 2.6 percent.”
Senior Julie Taylor, an accounting major, has worked at the Food Zoo for two semesters.
Taylor saw wages as the largest factor in why a student would decline work at the Food Zoo. She said students see they might be paid more off-campus, but fail to recognize that external costs come with those jobs.
Food Zoo employees make \$6.15 per hour and receive a free meal with each shift.
Ormesher said she would like to see more incentives for employees in the future and higher wages for student employees.
However, she said, raising student wages runs a “really fine line” due to the large number of student Dining Services employees.
See DINING, page 6

Big Ups & BACKHANDS



It was another fun week here at the Montana Kaimin. By fun we mean there's one less until Christmas.

Big Ups to BU&Bh. While we're not usually big on patting ourselves on the back, it appears we have jinxing power. Last week we all but proclaimed that the Cleveland Indians would be in the World Series. Well, they're not. Given this sign of the supernatural, let's try again: Go Hillary!

The City of Brotherly Love is apparently lucky to get any love, according to a recent survey. Philly gets **Backhands**, because it is reported to have the least attractive people in the country. Incidentally, Kaimin Editor-in-Chief Sean Breslin is from Philadelphia.

It appears Turkey – the country, not the processed lunchmeat – is on the verge of invading Iraq to stop the Kurds from using Iraqi soil as a launching pad for terrorist activities. **Big Ups** to the Turks – or the “gobblers” as we like to call them – for having the balls to invade the war-torn nation to unilaterally defeat terrorism. Yeah, ask GW how that worked out for the U.S. of A.

J.K. Rowling continues to be a newsmaker even now that the Harry Potter series has mercifully ended. She outed Albus Dumbledore, the headmaster at Hogwarts. **Backhands** to Rowling, because now Dumbledore can't give blood, and Missoula residents are irate about it.

By the by, **Big Ups** to Andrew Slack, head of the Harry Potter Alliance, for pointing out that Albus Dumbledore is an anagram for “Male bods rule, Bud!” As an aside, Big Ups and Backhands is an anagram for “Such bad, bad spanking.”

Travelodges in Britain get **Backhands** this week after the motel chain announced that it has had a chronic problem with naked sleepwalkers – 95 percent of whom are men – in recent years. These people aren't sleepwalkers, they've just been kicked out of the room by Dumbledore, who is notorious for not liking to spoon.

Reverend Slanky, the California drug dealer who inspired the Missoula-based funk band of the same name, was busted with 10 pounds of marijuana at the Doubletree this week. **Big Ups** to Missoula authorities for busting this guy, but can they legally prosecute him under Initiative 2? Just think of all the rapists and mass murderers that will go uncaught because the po-po were wasting their time on this guy.

ASUM Sen. Jed Cox – whose campaign slogan, “Vote Big Cox,” was perfectly tasteless – is the apple of **BU&Bh's** eye. See, we couldn't agree with him more on the issue of student scalpers that arose at Wednesday's meeting. Once it's your ticket, it's yours. And as long as scalping isn't illegal in Montana, it shouldn't be up to ASUM to say the law – or lack thereof – is wrong. We are shipping **Backhands** first class to the rest of the senate for not seeing Sen. Jed's logic.

Cedric Jacobson, a loyal fan of **BU&Bh** and UM senior, submitted the following:

Big Ups to Johnathan Goodwin of Wichita, Kansas, for doing what GM and all the other major American car companies have claimed is not possible. He overhauled a Hummer to give it 60 miles to the gallon, double its horsepower, and cut emissions by almost 80 percent. Just imagine what he could do with your Ford Taurus!

Finally this week, we're giving big **Backhands** to the Florida mother who forced her 13-year-old daughter to have her genitalia pierced in an effort to make sex uncomfortable. Look lady, we're all for modern-day chastity belts. It's just that yours was such a waste of time. With the high prices of birth control pills, there's no way your little princess will be getting freaky any time soon. Right ladies?



What's scarier than religious fundamentalists scripturally stroking their own egos on campus? Around the Oval on Halloween! We're looking for the creepiest spots on campus to get a good scare this year, so the Open Air Outreach speakers can give their overblown jaws a rest.

**What's the scariest place on campus?
What's the scariest thing about you?**



•Peter Bailon
senior, English linguistics and philosophy

Q1: Probably math, having nothing to do with aesthetics. Simply the nature of math.
Q2: The amount of coffee I consume.



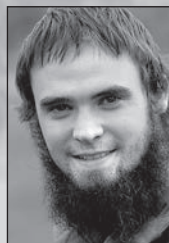
•Lindsey Benov
freshman, general studies

Q1: La Peak at 8 a.m. The lines are huge.
Q2: I'm really messy.



•Shelby Baldrige
freshman, art

Q1: Where that little tent was with the Christian Fellowship people. They're scary.
Q2: I 'see' through people.



•Dan Sedlak
junior, geography

Q1: Under a tree on the Oval on a nice sunny day.
Q2: Pretty much when people fuck with me for being a Browns fan. Then I get mad.



•Stephen Brown
junior, biology

Q1: Talking to a Public Safety officer in the middle of the night on the Oval.
Q2: If I have been drinking a lot and I don't make any sense and people try to talk to me and I don't make any sense. I guess that's not scary, just embarrassing.



•Sara Goffena
sophomore, communications studies

Q1: The math building at night. My first day on campus I went there and it was creepy enough.
Q2: I think I just look creepy in general. Hell, when I look in the mirror I'm just scared.

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Griz host cross country championship

Jake Grilley

MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana men’s and women’s cross country teams are hoping some home “course” advantage will be in their favor as they host the Big Sky Conference Championships Saturday.

Sophomore runner Brooke Andrus said her team has run nearly every inch of the course in preparation for Saturday’s meet.

“Almost all our workouts have been out on the course,” she said. “We have focused on every part, we know exactly what to expect. We won’t be making any wrong turns out there.”

Head coach Tom Raunig believes the home course will be in his team’s favor.

“It is mostly a mental advantage rather than a physical advantage,” Raunig said.

Sophomore Kara DeWalt agreed with her coach.

“We know all the spots where we can make up time,” she said. “That allows us to be more conservative mentally.”

Junior Dan Bingham said

knowing the course allows Montana to concentrate on other aspects of the race.

“It is going to be that much less to worry about,” he said. “You know where you are, how far you have to go and how to navigate every obstacle.”

Only a handful of teams have any experience on the course.

Montana State, Eastern Washington and Weber State have some experience on the course, but it will be the first time on the course for all the other teams in the conference, Raunig said.

Raunig projects a podium finish from both of his teams this weekend. He expects the women to place second on Saturday and the men to be third, the same order in which the teams were picked to finish during the preseason coaches’ poll.

Northern Arizona is the projected favorite in both races.

“Northern Arizona is No. 2 in the nation,” said junior Zach Betz. “They can probably get five guys in before everyone else.”

Raunig believes Montana will face some tough competition across the board.

“There will be several All-Americans competing this weekend,” he said.

Both teams have had successes throughout the season but know in cross country whoever runs the best during the conference championship, brings home the trophy.

Even though scores from the regular season have no bearing on Saturday’s champions, DeWalt believes those previous meets dictate the team’s strategy and expectations.

“We use the other meets to gauge and get ready for this one,” she said. “The things we learned from those previous meets allow us to compare and contrast our strengths and weaknesses.”

Montana hopes its experience added with support from the home fans will lead to a successful meet.

“It is great to have people out there cheering,” DeWalt said. “When you have someone cheering for you or even someone next to you it gives you more drive.”

Betz expects a fun crowd and even a few tailgaters this



Shane McMillan/Montana Kaimin

The Griz cross country team will compete in Saturday’s Big Sky Conference Championships.

weekend.

“It sounds like a lot of people are coming,” he said. “We are looking forward to a rowdy, crazy crowd.”

Bingham said fans are critical in motivating a runner during a meet.

“There are times in a cross country race where you feel like slipping back into your comfort zone,” Bingham said. “Fans allow you to stay motivated and in a positive mind set.”

Betz said no matter where the teams are projected to finish the race or how much of an advantage the course may be it is still up to the runners to give it their all.

“Our motto is to spend it all and leave it all out there, there isn’t going to be much left on the course,” he said. “There will be a lot of guys collapsing at the finish line.”

The women’s race begins at 11 a.m. and the men’s will follow at 11:45 a.m.

Postseason push in Pocatello for Griz soccer

Roman Stubbs

MONTANA KAIMIN

A postseason flurry is sweeping across the Big Sky Conference, and Montana is right in the middle of it.

One week ago, the Griz battled Sacramento State to a double-overtime tie, then lost a 2-1 nailbiter to Portland State, pushing their conference record to 1-2-1, and 3-10-1 overall. With only three conference games remaining and a record tied for fifth place in the conference standings, Montana will hit the road this afternoon for a decisive match with Idaho State, then will return home on Sunday to face Weber State.

Despite only gaining one point in the conference standings last weekend, head coach Neil Sedgwick feels good about his teams position in the postseason push.

“We’re still in the conference

hunt,” Sedgwick said. “We still have a great opportunity to meet our goal and get into the Big Sky Conference tournament.”

Montana won’t be the only team hungry for a win in Pocatello this afternoon. Idaho State is reeling from a roller-coaster season in which they posted impressive non-conference wins over Boise State and San Jose State, but has struggled to get into the win column so far in conference play. The Bengals, who were 5-2 in conference play a year ago, are in the middle of a three-game stretch in which they have tied with Sacramento State, Northern Arizona and Northern Colorado. In an Oct. 20 draw with Northern Colorado, Idaho State registered 30 shots, but came away empty handed in a scoreless tie.

Adding suspense to this afternoon’s match up will be the likelihood of a close contest. While Montana is no stranger to close

games – the Griz have eight losses by one goal – neither is Idaho State, who has played in a school record eight overtime games this year. The Bengals will try to break the ice today against Grace Harris and Montana’s defensive unit, and have plenty of offensive power to do it, thanks to sophomore Jana Boehler and senior Natalie Graham. The duo have combined for 23 points this season, including 87 shots. Boehler has made a strong case to be an All-Conference pick, with six goals, including three game winners. Montana’s defensive unit hasn’t allowed more than two goals in eight games, including a shutout of league leader Sacramento State last Friday.

The Griz will return home on Sunday to face Weber State, who is currently in a three-way tie for second place in the conference with a 2-1-1 record. The Wildcats are seeking revenge after Montana won last season’s match 2-1 in

Ogden. But according to Weber State head coach Tom Crompton, a win at Dornblaser Field could prove to be difficult in Missoula come Sunday.

“Its always a challenge to come up to Montana and win,” he said. “Montana has always gave a lot of effort. They are physical and are organized defensively, so it won’t be an easy game.”

Despite pockets of inconsistent offensive play, Weber State has played to six wins this year, led by eight returning starters from last year’s squad that tied for second in conference play with a 4-2-1 record.

“It’s been a great season, we’ve been in every game we’ve played this season,” said Crompton. “We’re looking forward to keeping in the hunt this weekend.”

Sounds like a similar tune out of Montana’s camp.

“We’re facing some hard-working teams this weekend,”

Sedgwick said. “They’re going to be heated. But we feel good about where we are. There is a lot of season left.”

With only two weekends remaining in conference regular season play, this coming weekend will slate crucial matchups across the conference, with tournament implications on the line. Conference leader Sacramento State will hit the road this weekend to face a second place Northern Colorado squad on Friday, then will return home Sunday to face Northern Arizona. Portland State also looks to jump in the hunt for the Big Sky crown, but will most likely need a big weekend against Northern Colorado and Northern Arizona to break the three-way tie and challenge Sacramento State for the top spot.

Montana will wrap up its regular season schedule next Friday at home against Eastern Washington.

Red Sox hold off Rockies for two more games

Mike Fitzpatrick

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON – There’s more than one way to rough up the Rockies.

Boston’s big bats battered them in the World Series opener. Then October ace Curt Schilling and a stingy bullpen shut down Colorado in Game 2.

Relying more on guile than pure gas, Schilling pitched Boston to a 2-1 victory Thursday night and a 2-0 lead in the World Series over the suddenly stagnant Rockies.

“I’m actually ecstatic with the way we’re playing,” Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. “We’re on the verge of winning a World Series.”

Lowell hit a tiebreaking double

in the fifth and the Red Sox got 3 2-3 innings of shutout relief from Hideki Okajima and Jonathan Papelbon to win their sixth straight Series game, including a sweep of St. Louis in 2004.

That victory ended an 86-year title drought and set off a wild winter of celebrations all over New England. Two more wins this year and the party’s on again.

“This was the Pap-ajima show tonight,” Schilling said. “That was just phenomenal to watch.”

The Series shifts to spacious Coors Field for Game 3 on Saturday night, when \$103 million rookie Daisuke Matsuzaka pitches for Boston against Josh Fogg.

“Our hometown crowd is probably looking forward to this as much as anything in a long

time,” Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. “We could use the support.”

With no designated hitter allowed, the Red Sox must decide whether to play hobbling slugger David Ortiz at first base or leave his mighty bat on the bench.

If they keep getting this kind of pitching, it might not matter.

“We’re going to make a series out of this,” Rockies rookie Troy Tulowitzki said.

One night after Josh Beckett blazed through the Rockies with 97 mph fastballs in a 13-1 rout, Schilling shut them down with savvy and splitters.

Nearly automatic in October, he improved to 11-2 with a 2.23 ERA in 19 postseason starts and tipped his cap to the pulsing

crowd as he walked off the mound – perhaps for the final time in a Red Sox uniform.

His fastball hovering around 87 mph, Schilling held punchless Colorado in check for 5 1-3 innings and became the second 40-year-old starter to win a World Series game. Detroit’s Kenny Rogers did it last year against the Cardinals.

Coming off eight days of rest, the wide-eyed Rockies looked awfully rusty while getting blitzed in the opener. They hardly resembled the team that had won 10 straight and 21 of 22 to earn the first pennant in its 15-year history.

Colorado came to play in Game 2. But Boston’s pitchers were too much for an offense that

really hasn’t hit all month. The Rockies’ incredible charge to the World Series masked this fact: they came into Thursday batting only .235 in the postseason.

“Tonight we played better, we pitched better. We just didn’t get the big hit,” Colorado’s Garrett Atkins said.

Okajima entered with two on in the sixth and Boston leading 2-1. He retired Atkins on a grounder and struck out Brad Hawpe to squash the threat.

There was more to come. The rookie left-hander from Japan fanned three straight before he was pulled for Papelbon with two outs in the eighth.

Boozed bluffer, bold bootlegger, balancing booster, bellowing bystander

Anne Pastore
MONTANA KAIMIN

Oct. 19, 2 a.m.

An RA called police for assistance in dealing with an intoxicated male outside Aber Hall, said Public Safety Director Jim Lemcke. They talked with the man and encouraged him to go to bed, but he refused and said to "Go ahead and call the police," which the RA did. The man was cited with an MIP. "When you're given good advice, and respond 'go ahead and call the police,' you know you've had too much to drink," Lemcke said.

Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.

Students reported bizarre but descriptive threats made by someone in the dorms, which Lemcke described as "specific and gruesome, and believable enough that police and administrative response was necessary and immediate." The incident resulted in the arrest of the suspect for felony intimidation. The man was released from jail on Monday, and is currently restricted from returning to campus.

Oct. 19, 2:25 p.m.

Someone cut the fuel line of a truck at Fort Missoula and siphoned an almost-full tank of gas from it, Lemcke said. Police have no suspects. "With the price of fuel, pretty soon it's going to be a felony to steal a tank of gas," he said.

Oct. 20: Game Day Recap

Police issued three MIPs on Saturday. One of the underage drinkers lied to police about her age and needed their assistance in getting up the stairs.

Police were also summoned to the top of the north end zone where someone reported an intoxicated individual sitting precariously on the top railing. "Officers responded and counseled the individual on the effects of gravity and deceleration trauma," said Lemcke.

"It was a pretty uneventful game unless you were Northern Colorado."

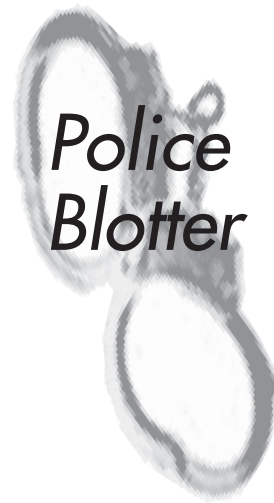
Oct. 21, 2:46 a.m.

Officers responded to a report of a woman screaming in the University Villages, said Lemcke, but it turned out she was yelling for help for a man who had fallen off his bicycle. The man refused help,

Feb. 5, 11:20 p.m.

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and got back on his bike and rode away. Though there is no evidence that the man was drinking, an accident like that at 2:45 in the morning is very telling, said Lemcke, who confirmed that there is no such thing as a BUI (biking under the influence). It is, in fact, specifically exempt in Montana's DUI statute. "It's perfectly legal," he said. "And as opposed to drunk driving, it's recommended.

Although we'd prefer you get a ride home."

Oct. 21, 10:30 p.m.

Reports of two cars driving erratically, screeching tires and being loud, led officers to the University Villages where they discovered the vehicles double-parked. One vehicle was towed to impound, said Lemcke, and the owner of the other came out

and paid a ticket before being towed.

Oct. 22, 6:50 p.m.

A bicyclist was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Maurice Avenue and 5th Street. They were coming off the new trail under the Madison Street bridge, which Lemcke said is becoming an area of concern. Bicyclists emerge from the trail with three options, two of which lead them the wrong way down one-way streets, he said, and cars often don't see them because they are looking for traffic coming from the other direction, making it a dangerous intersection. The bicyclist was injured, treated and released.

Citations:

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Stephen Hayes, 18, intimidation

Molly Hefeneider, 20, minor in possession of alcohol

Drew Stensland, 20, minor in possession of alcohol

Jayla Dowson, 19, minor in possession of alcohol

Mum on UM Productions

Sean Breslin
MONTANA KAIMIN

After scheduling a meeting to discuss management of future concerts at the University of Montana, UM and ASUM officials did not broach the subject Thursday, limiting their conversations to the upcoming James Taylor and Bright Eyes concerts.

When asked why the venue

management policy was not discussed, UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley said "We discussed what we discussed because the concert is this weekend," referring to James Taylor's Saturday performance.

Present at the meeting were Foley, UM Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch, Adams Center Director Mary Muse, University Relations Director Rita Munzenrider, ASUM President Dustin

Leftridge, UM Productions adviser Marlene Hendrickson, and UM Productions Director Ryan Hamilton.

Hamilton said she did not know why the policy was not discussed. Both Branch and Hendrickson said they did not set the meeting's agenda. Leftridge, who told the Kaimin Wednesday that the meeting would center on the venue management policy, refused to comment on the issue's omission.

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So many choices...



Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Kevin Brown, a graduate student in counselors education, wanders amongst the multiple mannequins and glittery getups at Carlo's One Night Stand Tuesday afternoon. "We have to be [in] our worst ethical dilemma," Brown said about the theme of a Halloween party he plans to attend. To fit the bill, Brown is contemplating dressing up as Christ - but in chains.

Harry Potter first edition sells for over \$40,000 at auction

LONDON (AP) – A copy of J.K. Rowling's first Harry Potter novel sold at auction Thursday for almost \$40,000.

The copy of the hardback first edition of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," published in 1997 and signed "Joanne Rowling" on the back of the title page, was sold to an anonymous private bidder for \$40,326 at Christie's auction house.

At a London auction in May, a copy of "Philosopher's Stone" inscribed with a personal dedication to the owner sold for more than \$55,000, including buyer's premium.

The book was published by Bloomsbury PLC with an initial print run of about 500 copies. Many were purchased by libraries, making copies in good condition extremely rare.

It was published in the United States in 1998 as "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," and the boy wizard soon became a publishing phenomenon.

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Psychology student Nick, who declined to give his last name, imitates evangelist Evan Schaible while wearing a devil mask Thursday afternoon on the Mansfield Mall. Bystanders were of mixed opinion, some telling Schaible they supported him, others dismissing him as a bigot. "The Bible is 2,000 years old," Nick said, "It's time for a new religion, one preaching peace." Schaible said he wants to save souls, "I love them enough to tell them what they need to hear, not what they want to hear."

DINING

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"That's a pretty big budget impact," Ormesher said.

Brunell said RAs makes about \$7,100 per year with room and board paid. And, aside from being able to reduce their student debt load, Brunell said it's good experience for any job.

Ormesher said it appears that more and more parents don't want students to work, but would rather supplement students' incomes.

"There's more emphasis on not working and being diligent with their studies, and so that's really created a labor shortage of student employees for us," LoParco said.

Junior economics major Tyler Albrethsen is as a woodworker for a local log furniture company. His parents said it would be nice if he worked, he said, but it wasn't a necessity.

"School takes priority over a job," he said.

To make up for the lack of student employees, Dining Services has hired a temporary employment agency, Labor Ready, Inc.

"This is the first year we've had to take this level of triage," LoParco said. "We presently hire a number of temps and we

have been using temp agencies to be able to have enough staff to be open."

Ormesher said the agency has found that the labor pool in Missoula isn't as strong, and some days the agency doesn't have anyone to send over.

Ormesher said temporary workers are paid at a higher rate to be competitive in the Missoula community and temp employees accept Dining Services jobs understanding that a student might fill it in the near future.

Temporary workers in the Food Zoo are paid \$8.25 per hour.

Also, Ormesher said Dining Services has asked employees in management positions to don hairnets and gloves and work on the Food Zoo floor.

"We've had our dietitian working the vegetarian line," Ormesher said. "We in no way feel that guest service has suffered."

Taylor said the lower student interest in Dining Services jobs has affected her daily duties.

"The people who know what they're doing have to do two to three jobs at the same time ... but that makes it fun," Taylor said.

"There's still lots of jobs open," LoParco said. "We have a full gamut of employment opportunities."

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Volumen bring a dose of Rocky Horror to the Badlander

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MONTANA KAIMIN

Something strange was brewing in a crowded room above Edge of the World skateboard shop. Five men entered their band practice space, several wearing tight, black leather and one sporting a pink dress. A soaring voice rose in the air: “Let’s do the Time Warp again!”

Missoula band Volumen will treat audiences to this bizarre and entirely Halloween-themed spectacle when they perform the Rocky Horror Picture Show soundtrack at The Badlander next Wednesday.

As part of The Badlander’s Halloween Horror Bash, the Volumen join Seattle’s Pleaseeasaur and a room of zombie performers for a night of Halloween entertainment.

“Something like Rocky Horror, which has a huge cult following ... I feel like it’s gonna be crazy,” said Bryan Hickey, Volumen bass player and vocalist.

Each member of Volumen will be dressed as a specific character from the Rocky Horror Picture Show and will sing their character’s parts along with other parts from the soundtrack, said Volumen vocalist Shane Hickey. The band will also perform all soundtrack music with drums, guitar, bass and keyboards.

To further the theatrical atmosphere, scenes from the movie will be shown in between songs on a projector screen and televisions stationed throughout The Badlander, Shane said. The scenes will give each song context and allow the band time to change costumes if needed, he said.

“Hopefully we’ll show enough of each scene to keep people interested,” Shane said.

If cross-dressing rockers don’t hold appeal, the Halloween bash may entertain with its Haunted Zombie Brothel, a haunted house-style horror show that runs all night in the area formerly home to Casa Pablo’s restaurant.

The show includes performances by scantily clad zombie pole dancers and a catwalk where zombie actors engage in battle scenes, said Maxon McCarter, a member of Tainted Saints, the



Tim Kupsick/Montana Kaimin

Bryan Hickey and his brother Shane sing one of the Rocky Horror Picture Show songs during a band practice Wednesday night.

group organizing the event.

“We’re going to make it pretty scary, but it’s going to be really sexy too,” he said.

Fourteen different zombie burlesque dancers will perform in specially made cages with swiveling poles, said McCarter. The zombie brothel will create a Wild West-style atmosphere, complete with mock shootouts and zombie wranglers, he said.

Handmade props such as fake windows and bloody body parts will decorate the room.

All gore effects are created by a professional make up artist, and about 40 gallons of fake blood will be on hand to increase the terror.

“This is 100 percent handmade horror,” McCarter said. “We don’t half-ass anything.”

The zombie debauchery is definitely not for the faint of heart.

“I don’t think I’ve done anything (with Tainted Saints) that didn’t offend anyone,” McCarter said, describing past Tainted Saints projects such as Valentine’s Day horror shows. “However, we’re nice people. We just have a fetish for zombies and horror.”

That love of horror and the bizarre may define the night.

“I’m envisioning a lot of Rocky Horror Picture freaks coming to the show who aren’t necessarily new-wave or rock people,” Shane said.

Volumen wants concertgoers to come dressed as characters from Rocky Horror Picture Show and become part of the experience, he said.

“We’re kind of encouraging people to go, do your Frankfurter strut, pretend you’re singing,” Shane said. “Our stage is frickin’ tiny. But hell, get on the bar, I don’t care.”

Although there will be several costume changes, “wardrobe malfunctions” are not a worry, Bryan said.

“We’re already going to look ridiculous anyway,” he said.

“There’s a rule in Rocky Horror. You don’t make fun of how somebody looks,” said Chris Bacon, Volumen keyboardist.

Pleaseeasaur will further add to the costumed fun with a comedy-themed set, front man J.P. Hasson

said.

Pleaseeasaur is more a musical comedy show than a band, Hasson said. Hasson sings and performs the songs while prerecorded music plays in the background. Two projector screens show images, adding to the performance, Hasson said, and bizarre costume changes will be frequent.

“We always have costumes and crazy stuff in the show, so it’s perfect to play something big for Halloween every year,” Hasson said.

In addition to the zombie brothel and rock show, DJs will be spinning music throughout the night in Palace Billiards, Badlander co-owner Aaron Bolton said. Halloween parties can access all three events after paying admission at the door.

“The downtown hasn’t had anything like this for many years,” said Mark McElroy, a Badlander co-owner.

Back in the practice space above Edge of the World, Bacon smiled as he hit a high note in one of the character Janet’s songs, his pink dress swaying as he rocked back and forth.

The other Volumen continued playing, seemingly unconcerned about the insanity that may overtake their Halloween Bash.

“We’ve played shows that I was pretty sure were going to turn into crazy riots ... but always in a good way,” Shane said. “I’m kind of sensing that this show could have that kind of energy. The weirdo level will be off the scale. Anything could happen.”

The Badlander’s Halloween Horror Bash begins at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Admission is \$10 for 21-and-over, and \$15 for 18-to-20.

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Volumen keyboardist Chris Bacon is dressed in the character of Janet, the female lead in the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Volumen will play 16 songs throughout the course of the Halloween bash at The Badlander.

Go get your Tool tickets

Ryan Thompson
MONTANA KAIMIN

Tickets to progressive metal band Tool’s concert at the Adams Center go on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m. for \$58. Tickets will be available online and at all GrizTix outlets.

The Adams Center Box Office will close ticket sales for the day

at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tool ticket sales will not be conducted over the phone.

A limited number of tickets will be reserved exclusively for walk-up sales at the Adams Center Box Office, Southgate Mall, the Source in the University Center and Worden’s Market, the Adams Center stated in an advance notice of sales procedures.

About one-third of the tickets available will be for the concert floor, and the remainder will be reserved seating.

“This will sell out real fast,” said Jed Nussbaum, a University of Montana sophomore. “Tool have vision and they’ve got artistic integrity.

Bright Eyes set to bring their cleaner new sound to campus

Lina Miller
FOR THE KAIMIN

Omaha, Neb., may have given the indie scene its most prized possession in the form of Bright Eyes.

The decade-old band has transformed from a teary-eyed noise rock blip to a refined alt-folk monster well received by critics and fans alike.

Conor Oberst and the Bright Eyes crew, including permanent member Mike Mogis, are swinging back through Missoula on Sunday in the University Theatre. With their new record, *Cassadaga*, in tow, there is the promise of a performance that not even the crybaby haters can argue with.

There’s no question that the band has come a long way since 1998’s vacuum cleaner-laced *Letting Off the Happiness*, which showcased Oberst’s disdain for the world with a shaky voice, broken relationship with God, echoes of drug use and a violent sense of prose.

The 2005 simultaneous release of *I’m Wide Awake, It’s Morning* and *Digital Ash in A Digital Urn* shoved the band into the spotlight when the singles flew to No. 1 and No. 2 on the Billboard charts upon the albums’ release. The level of success sent an overwhelmed Oberst screaming back into the underground where he stayed out of the public eye for most of 2006.

Cassadaga was released on Saddle Creek Records on April 10. It offers a clean folk sound that seems more attuned to a stroll on a crisp fall day than a drunken stumble off a dark sidewalk, as offered by Bright Eyes’ previous efforts.

This doesn’t mean that Oberst has turned into an optimist, but it appears he’s developing the ability to dig himself out of those ever-present emotional trenches.

The track “If the Brakeman Turns My Way” is a reminder that “All your friends and sedatives mean well but make it worse/ Every reassurance just magnifies the doubt/ Better find yourself a place to level out.” “I Must Belong Somewhere” offers the advice to

“Just leave the restless ghost in his old hotel/ Leave the homeless man in that cardboard cell/ Let the painted horse on the carousel remain/ ‘Cause everything it must belong somewhere.”

The album has received positive reviews from The New York Times, Spin Magazine and Rolling Stone Magazine. For an artist who rarely speaks to the press, all the hype around the music speaks directly to quality of the record itself.

According to Adams Center staff, there are still some tickets available for the show, though the sales have been strong since they became available.

The performance will feature the ever-changing line up equipped with guitars, keyboards, bass, banjos, mandolins, violins, an organ, trumpets, an accordion and a possible appearance by Janet Weiss (formerly of Olympia, Wash. feminist rock three-piece, Sleater-Kinney) on the drums.

Openers include the Billings-based four-piece, The 1090 Club. Sean Lynch, 1090 Club’s guitarist, said that the band got on the bill via a favor from booking another band off of Saddle Creek Records, the record label of which Oberst is a founding member.

“We’re definitely excited for the Missoula show,” Lynch said. “(Bright Eyes) is definitely the biggest act we’ve ever played with.”

Poetry troupe reflects family vibe

Halladay Quist
MONTANA KAIMIN

A poetry reading Monday night at Shakespeare & Company will not only be a night to experience what Roger Dunsmore calls “word craft,” it will also mark the release of a collection of work by a small group of poets who have been meeting weekly for ten years.

Gathered in the corner of Dauphine’s Café amid the caffeinated clatter of breakfast, a few members of the Bentgrass Poetry Troupe sat down to discuss their history.

Dunsmore, a former UM professor now teaching in Dillon, started the group while he taught American Literature at Shanghai International Studies University.

“While I was teaching in China, we started a group where we invited fellow teachers and students to our home once a week,” Dunsmore said. “The Chinese taught us a tremendous amount. It was just a knockout, so we thought, ‘lets continue what we started in China.’”

When he returned from the international professor exchange, Dunsmore started spreading the word in his classes that he was looking to start a more personal poetry group.

Since the fall of 1998, the group has picked up wandering poets

along the way, doing the best they can to gather once a week.

This is the second publication for the group. The first collection, titled “Apricot Room,” released in 2000, celebrated their best work.

Zach Thorup joined in 2003, and looks back on those beginnings with adoration, as if remembering his childhood.

“For me, it was a really sentimental time,” Thorup said. “It was really where I began to find my voice.”

Jenni Fallein, another member of the group, chimed in. “One of my favorite line’s of Zach’s from that time was, ‘I love her like pineapple,’” Fallein said.

They all paused for a moment to let the image of juicy, sticky, prickly pineapple seep into their imagination, throwing out descriptive words and laughing joyously at the thought.

A sense of ease and relaxation can be felt around the table, a clear sign that the group has been together for a while.

“Because we’ve been together for so long, there’s a lot of trust,” Fallein said. “You can bring anything from your heart, or guts,

and try it out.”

The collection that will be released on Monday is called “The Windfall Season.” The topics of the poems cover many different avenues. Some are about nature, some about politics, even the passing of loved ones.

“I think what has kept the group interesting is our willingness to explore everything,” Dunsmore said.

Ben Irey, another member of the group, feels the same, he said.

“What is that saying? Poetry being news from the soul as well as being news from the universe,” Irey said, quoting poet Robert Bly.

Other members of the group include Sam Robbins, Elizabeth Rose and Cedar Brant.

Ten years with the group has brought each individual to new heights in his or her own poetry. When asked what has kept them together for so long, Thorup answered, “Jenni and Roger. They are the gravity, the touchstones of the group.”

The reading will start at 7 p.m., followed by an open reading at the end for any aspiring poets looking for a place to be heard.

“You can bring anything from your heart, or guts, and try it out,”

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Griz host cross country championship

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MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana men’s and women’s cross country teams are hoping some home “course” advantage will be in their favor as they host the Big Sky Conference Championships Saturday.

Sophomore runner Brooke Andrus said her team has run nearly every inch of the course in preparation for Saturday’s meet.

“Almost all our workouts have been out on the course,” she said. “We have focused on every part, we know exactly what to expect. We won’t be making any wrong turns out there.”

Head coach Tom Raunig believes the home course will be in his team’s favor.

“It is mostly a mental advantage rather than a physical advantage,” Raunig said.

Sophomore Kara DeWalt agreed with her coach.

“We know all the spots where we can make up time,” she said. “That allows us to be more conservative mentally.”

Junior Dan Bingham said

knowing the course allows Montana to concentrate on other aspects of the race.

“It is going to be that much less to worry about,” he said. “You know where you are, how far you have to go and how to navigate every obstacle.”

Only a handful of teams have any experience on the course.

Montana State, Eastern Washington and Weber State have some experience on the course, but it will be the first time on the course for all the other teams in the conference, Raunig said.

Raunig projects a podium finish from both of his teams this weekend. He expects the women to place second on Saturday and the men to be third, the same order in which the teams were picked to finish during the preseason coaches’ poll.

Northern Arizona is the projected favorite in both races.

“Northern Arizona is No. 2 in the nation,” said junior Zach Betz. “They can probably get five guys in before everyone else.”

Raunig believes Montana will face some tough competition across the board.

“There will be several All-Americans competing this weekend,” he said.

Both teams have had successes throughout the season but know in cross country whoever runs the best during the conference championship, brings home the trophy.

Even though scores from the regular season have no bearing on Saturday’s champions, DeWalt believes those previous meets dictate the team’s strategy and expectations.

“We use the other meets to gauge and get ready for this one,” she said. “The things we learned from those previous meets allow us to compare and contrast our strengths and weaknesses.”

Montana hopes its experience added with support from the home fans will lead to a successful meet.

“It is great to have people out there cheering,” DeWalt said. “When you have someone cheering for you or even someone next to you it gives you more drive.”

Betz expects a fun crowd and even a few tailgaters this



Shane McMillan/Montana Kaimin

The Griz cross country team will compete in Saturday’s Big Sky Conference Championships.

weekend.

“It sounds like a lot of people are coming,” he said. “We are looking forward to a rowdy, crazy crowd.”

Bingham said fans are critical in motivating a runner during a meet.

“There are times in a cross country race where you feel like slipping back into your comfort zone,” Bingham said. “Fans allow you to stay motivated and in a positive mind set.”

Betz said no matter where the teams are projected to finish the race or how much of an advantage the course may be it is still up to the runners to give it their all.

“Our motto is to spend it all and leave it all out there, there isn’t going to be much left on the course,” he said. “There will be a lot of guys collapsing at the finish line.”

The women’s race begins at 11 a.m. and the men’s will follow at 11:45 a.m.

Postseason push in Pocatello for Griz soccer

Roman Stubbs

MONTANA KAIMIN

A postseason flurry is sweeping across the Big Sky Conference, and Montana is right in the middle of it.

One week ago, the Griz battled Sacramento State to a double-overtime tie, then lost a 2-1 nailbiter to Portland State, pushing their conference record to 1-2-1, and 3-10-1 overall. With only three conference games remaining and a record tied for fifth place in the conference standings, Montana will hit the road this afternoon for a decisive match with Idaho State, then will return home on Sunday to face Weber State.

Despite only gaining one point in the conference standings last weekend, head coach Neil Sedgwick feels good about his teams position in the postseason push.

“We’re still in the conference

hunt,” Sedgwick said. “We still have a great opportunity to meet our goal and get into the Big Sky Conference tournament.”

Montana won’t be the only team hungry for a win in Pocatello this afternoon. Idaho State is reeling from a roller-coaster season in which they posted impressive non-conference wins over Boise State and San Jose State, but has struggled to get into the win column so far in conference play. The Bengals, who were 5-2 in conference play a year ago, are in the middle of a three-game stretch in which they have tied with Sacramento State, Northern Arizona and Northern Colorado. In an Oct. 20 draw with Northern Colorado, Idaho State registered 30 shots, but came away empty handed in a scoreless tie.

Adding suspense to this afternoon’s match up will be the likelihood of a close contest. While Montana is no stranger to close

games – the Griz have eight losses by one goal – neither is Idaho State, who has played in a school record eight overtime games this year. The Bengals will try to break the ice today against Grace Harris and Montana’s defensive unit, and have plenty of offensive power to do it, thanks to sophomore Jana Boehler and senior Natalie Graham. The duo have combined for 23 points this season, including 87 shots. Boehler has made a strong case to be an All-Conference pick, with six goals, including three game winners. Montana’s defensive unit hasn’t allowed more than two goals in eight games, including a shutout of league leader Sacramento State last Friday.

The Griz will return home on Sunday to face Weber State, who is currently in a three-way tie for second place in the conference with a 2-1-1 record. The Wildcats are seeking revenge after Montana won last season’s match 2-1 in

Ogden. But according to Weber State head coach Tom Crompton, a win at Dornblaser Field could prove to be difficult in Missoula come Sunday.

“Its always a challenge to come up to Montana and win,” he said. “Montana has always gave a lot of effort. They are physical and are organized defensively, so it won’t be an easy game.”

Despite pockets of inconsistent offensive play, Weber State has played to six wins this year, led by eight returning starters from last year’s squad that tied for second in conference play with a 4-2-1 record.

“It’s been a great season, we’ve been in every game we’ve played this season,” said Crompton. “We’re looking forward to keeping in the hunt this weekend.”

Sounds like a similar tune out of Montana’s camp.

“We’re facing some hard-working teams this weekend,”

Sedgwick said. “They’re going to be heated. But we feel good about where we are. There is a lot of season left.”

With only two weekends remaining in conference regular season play, this coming weekend will slate crucial matchups across the conference, with tournament implications on the line. Conference leader Sacramento State will hit the road this weekend to face a second place Northern Colorado squad on Friday, then will return home Sunday to face Northern Arizona. Portland State also looks to jump in the hunt for the Big Sky crown, but will most likely need a big weekend against Northern Colorado and Northern Arizona to break the three-way tie and challenge Sacramento State for the top spot.

Montana will wrap up its regular season schedule next Friday at home against Eastern Washington.

Red Sox hold off Rockies for two more games

Mike Fitzpatrick

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON – There’s more than one way to rough up the Rockies.

Boston’s big bats battered them in the World Series opener. Then October ace Curt Schilling and a stingy bullpen shut down Colorado in Game 2.

Relying more on guile than pure gas, Schilling pitched Boston to a 2-1 victory Thursday night and a 2-0 lead in the World Series over the suddenly stagnant Rockies.

“I’m actually ecstatic with the way we’re playing,” Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. “We’re on the verge of winning a World Series.”

Lowell hit a tiebreaking double

in the fifth and the Red Sox got 3 2-3 innings of shutout relief from Hideki Okajima and Jonathan Papelbon to win their sixth straight Series game, including a sweep of St. Louis in 2004.

That victory ended an 86-year title drought and set off a wild winter of celebrations all over New England. Two more wins this year and the party’s on again.

“This was the Pap-ajima show tonight,” Schilling said. “That was just phenomenal to watch.”

The Series shifts to spacious Coors Field for Game 3 on Saturday night, when \$103 million rookie Daisuke Matsuzaka pitches for Boston against Josh Fogg.

“Our hometown crowd is probably looking forward to this as much as anything in a long

time,” Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. “We could use the support.”

With no designated hitter allowed, the Red Sox must decide whether to play hobbling slugger David Ortiz at first base or leave his mighty bat on the bench.

If they keep getting this kind of pitching, it might not matter.

“We’re going to make a series out of this,” Rockies rookie Troy Tulowitzki said.

One night after Josh Beckett blazed through the Rockies with 97 mph fastballs in a 13-1 rout, Schilling shut them down with savvy and splitters.

Nearly automatic in October, he improved to 11-2 with a 2.23 ERA in 19 postseason starts and tipped his cap to the pulsing

crowd as he walked off the mound – perhaps for the final time in a Red Sox uniform.

His fastball hovering around 87 mph, Schilling held punchless Colorado in check for 5 1-3 innings and became the second 40-year-old starter to win a World Series game. Detroit’s Kenny Rogers did it last year against the Cardinals.

Coming off eight days of rest, the wide-eyed Rockies looked awfully rusty while getting blitzed in the opener. They hardly resembled the team that had won 10 straight and 21 of 22 to earn the first pennant in its 15-year history.

Colorado came to play in Game 2. But Boston’s pitchers were too much for an offense that

really hasn’t hit all month. The Rockies’ incredible charge to the World Series masked this fact: they came into Thursday batting only .235 in the postseason.

“Tonight we played better, we pitched better. We just didn’t get the big hit,” Colorado’s Garrett Atkins said.

Okajima entered with two on in the sixth and Boston leading 2-1. He retired Atkins on a grounder and struck out Brad Hawpe to squash the threat.

There was more to come. The rookie left-hander from Japan fanned three straight before he was pulled for Papelbon with two outs in the eighth.

Romo

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dollar contract as a challenge to his bosses, telling them the more they paid him, the more likely they were to play him.

He got the deal and, eventually, the playing time. The contract numbers show he's made the most of it.

"You can either do this or you can't," he said. "I didn't know if I was, but I put myself in position to succeed."

Romo thought about what the big contract means while sitting in bed Monday night. It was still on his mind when he woke up Tuesday morning. By the time he met the media in the afternoon, he

had it sorted out.

"It almost feels like we accomplished something here today, but it doesn't," he said. "This sets you up financially and does all the things that you somewhat hoped for in life, but you don't set it out as a goal when you start out as a football player. This is something that more or less comes along the way."

Team owner Jerry Jones called Romo "the man for the 2000s," adding, "I wouldn't have done this if I didn't think he gives us a chance to win Super Bowls."

It took a while for him to come to that conclusion.

Jones' hesitations started during the 2003 draft, when then-offensive coordinator Sean Payton lobbied hard for Romo.

Jones figured it was because they went to the same school, Eastern Illinois.

Once Romo arrived, the Cowboys went through Quincy Carter, Chad Hutchinson, Vinny Testaverde and Drew Bledsoe before turning to him last October.

Romo started 5-1, setting records and turning heads. He got Dallas into the playoffs, then knocked the team out by flubbing the hold of a short field goal in Seattle. He revealed more of his character with how he responded: crying and apologizing to teammates that night, then weeks later asking to be the holder at the Pro Bowl.

By then, Jones believed in Romo enough not to draft Brady

Quinn when he had the chance in April -- but not enough to offer a big contract without seeing him play more.

Forced to earn his money, Romo did. The Cowboys are 6-1, tied for tops in the NFC, and have the conference's No. 1 offense. Romo has the most yards passing and touchdowns in the NFC.

"It is a feel-good story," coach Wade Phillips said. "The best part of the story is he's a great person, a great guy to be around. He doesn't have an ego bigger than the team. The great ones I've been around -- the John Elways, the Jim Kellys -- it's the same way."

Romo has shown off his arm with a club-record four 300-yard games and his feet with a wild

scramble for a first down on a snap that went over his head and rolled 33 yards behind him. He also found a way to win in Buffalo despite committing six turnovers.

Jones also likes that Romo has remained grounded while holding one of the most high-profile jobs in U.S. pro sports. Don't believe it? Well, "Entertainment Tonight" sent a reporter to Tuesday's news conference to ask Romo about bumping into Britney Spears in Los Angeles a few days ago.

"Having all the adulation and interest, how do you handle that? I've seen doctors, lawyers, older, more-seasoned people blow their whole families up over a little success," Jones said. "He's handled it really well."

Curt Schilling might be finished with the Sox after this season

Boston -- (AP) "A one-year deal is all I'm looking for," Curt Schilling said in his weekly radio appearance while driving to Fenway Park for the parade. "If truly, physically, I was at the end of my rope, this would be the ultimate way to walk away. I don't think I'm there."

Schilling, who turns 41 next month, was a key part of both of Boston's World Series championship teams in this

century. He said in spring training he would return for one more year at his current salary of \$13 million, but the Red Sox wanted to see how he performed this season while adjusting to life without a 90 mph fastball.

Schilling went 9-8 with a 3.87 ERA, and went 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA in the postseason.

Joining him on the market is Bobby Kielty, a backup outfielder who hit what turned out to be the

homer that provided the winning margin in the title-clinching game of the World Series. Matt Clement, who didn't pitch at all this season because of a right shoulder injury, and spare outfielder Eric Hinske also filed on Tuesday as the 2007 World Series champions began their transition to 2008.

"I actually broke out a pen and paper the last couple days and wrote letters to some people here, just to say goodbye," Schilling said on the radio, apparently before he filed for free agency. "There's a very realistic chance I won't ever play with them again."

The other big Boston player eligible for free agency is third baseman Mike Lowell, who reached career highs with a .324 average and 120 RBIs and then was selected as the World Series MVP.

"Fortunately, he made his worth here extreme," Schilling

said. "He'll make the best decision for Mike Lowell and his family. I don't think that Mike will be bought, but at the same time Michael's not going to say, 'Yeah, I love it so much here, whatever you want.' He doesn't have to."

"He deserves everything he gets."

Lowell repeated Tuesday that he enjoyed playing in Boston but said, "Now is not the time. I will think about it in the next couple of days."

Schilling said the only team he would not consider is the Yankees. But he expected Lowell to draw interest from New York, where he started in the minor leagues in 1997. Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, the likely regular-season MVP, declared himself a free agent during the final game of the World Series.

"I was actually very surprised that Michael didn't buy his own jet

right after the sixth inning when A-Rod announced it and fly home on his own. Because all I heard was cha-ching, right after I heard A-Rod opted out," Schilling joked.

"Let's do the math: When you're a free agent and the Yankees are not only in the mix, but now one of the potentially most interested suitors, the price changes. And that's not a bad thing for him."

Schilling said it did not bother him that Rodriguez's announcement came during Boston's coronation. But he seemed to relish the opportunity to take a shot at the Red Sox rivals' disappointing season.

"It wasn't unexpected," Schilling said. "Between them and the Yankees making sure we were updated every 15 minutes about when they were actually going to name their manager, I didn't give a crap. Bottom line was they're playing golf and making organizational decisions and we're still playing games."

Schilling's comments came on WEEI-AM, which has a promotional arrangement with Schilling's charity, Curt's Pitch for ALS. He also wrote a 2,108-word posting on his blog and promised to update fans on the status of his free agency.

"If October 28, 2007, was the last time I ever wear this uniform, thank you," Schilling wrote. "It was an honor and a privilege [sic] to be allowed to play here."

Catcher Jason Varitek wasn't ready to say goodbye.

"I hope it's not the last time I see these guys," he said at Fenway Park before the parade. "I'd like to see Curt retire in this uniform."

But first baseman Kevin Youkilis wasn't in the mood to think about the future. Asked if any players were saying goodbye in the clubhouse, he said, "Next question."



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Democrats '08 nominee could have chance in Montana

Matt Gouras
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HELENA, Mont. (AP) The Democratic presidential nominee could have a chance at winning Montana in 2008 if Republicans offer a candidate weak on guns, Gov. Brian Schweitzer said Thursday.

Schweitzer, in a lengthy interview with The Associated Press, said some of the Republicans seeking the nomination, particularly former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, would not do well because of their history on gun control.

If such a Republican is on the ballot, Schweitzer said fellow Democrats, including Sen. Hillary Clinton, might have a chance in Montana, a state that has been won by Republicans in recent presidential elections.

“If she runs against Giuliani, maybe, because her and Giuliani have a similar opinion about gun control. And maybe Mitt Romney. He has both opinions on gun control,” Schweitzer said. “The Republican is going to win in Montana, unless again, it’s Giuliani.”

Otherwise, Republicans would have to be considered the odds-on favorite to carry Montana, the governor said.

Out on a limb



Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Rich Chaffee, landscape supervisor, goes out on a limb to trim some branches of one of the University’s trees as Don Wilson, grounds person, helps from below. The two are pruning trees to prepare the University for winter.

Bill Clinton was the last Democrat to win Montana back in 1992 when independent candidate Ross Perot split the vote and made it a three-way race. Clinton did not carry the state in 1996, when it again flipped into the red column.

The state Republican Party said Democrats have no chance of winning Montana in 2008.

“I think it’s pretty clear that any Democratic candidates on

the national level don’t stand a chance of competing in Montana. Their values are just too extreme,” said Montana GOP Executive Director Chris Wilcox.

Even if Democrats nominate someone who has little appeal in Montana, Schweitzer said he doesn’t think it would negatively affect candidates like him on the ballot.

“Montanans are able to discern between the national candidate

and the statewide candidate,” he said. “They are independents in Montana. Most of the people in Montana have voted for a Democrat and a Republican somewhere along the line.”

Schweitzer did not say which presidential candidate he plans to support. The governor will be one of the so-called super delegates at the National Democratic Convention next summer, but said he is “uncommitted.”

He mentioned that he is friends with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and likes his experience, but says he doesn’t expect him to survive the Democratic primaries.

“I just don’t think Bill is going to be able to put enough dots together in time to win,” Schweitzer said.



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Alajmi usually just spends time with his fellow Saudis, he said.

Naoki Takada, 22, from Japan, said Japanese students often stick with their peers.

"Some Japanese people make a group," he said. "That's not good for me."

A 21-year-old girl from Taiwan, who goes by Claire, said she doesn't have many American

friends because there aren't any in her classes.

"I'm trying to talk with Americans," she said.

Sultan Alsalamak, 23, from Saudi Arabia, said it's very difficult to talk with Americans because of all the differences.

"Here, I don't even know the religion," he said. "What's the name?"

He mentioned other differences too.

"In my country, can't do anything," he said. "There's no

freedoms."

Alsalamak said that in Saudi Arabia he couldn't drink, date girls or eat pork. It's all against the law, he said.

Alsalamak and many of the students love the area's open spaces and access to nature but also miss home and family, they say.

Takada misses real sushi, he said.

"I've been to Sushi Hana," he said. "It's not Japanese food. It's not good Japanese food."

Jeffrey Leow, a 26-year-old Malaysian, said the "food here is different. Honestly, it's bad."

Many international students are from crowded cities and are enjoying Missoula's legroom.

Takada, from Toyko, said the streets there are narrow and the space inside the buildings is small.

Besides Missoula's open space, some international students were surprised to see how friendly Montanans are, they said.


Marat Umertayev, a 24-year-old

from Kazakhstan, said that before he left his country, people told him to be prepared for discrimination.

"I haven't found any," he said. "People are really friendly, and I can meet all kinds of people."

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Elliot Spagat
 Associated Press

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Border Patrol agents on routine patrol found four bodies in a wooded area near Barrett Junction, just east of San Diego and along the Mexican border, agency spokeswoman Gloria Chavez said. The area is near a major corridor for illegal immigrants who often walk hours or even days to cross into the United States from Mexico.

Authorities said they discovered the bodies Thursday afternoon but did not know how long ago the victims died or whether the flames were responsible for their deaths.

"They could have been out there a while," said Paul Parker, a spokesman for the San Diego County medical examiner's office. They were tentatively identified as three men and one woman.

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